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29 JAN 1974

Honorable James Abourezk
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Abourezk:

This is in response to your letter of 16 January 1974 enclosing a copy of your letter to Mr. Lauren J. Goin, Director, Office of Public Safety, Agency for International Development, dated 12 September, and a copy of the reply you received from Matthew J. Harvey, Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs, dated 25 September. I regret this delay in responding to question No. 4 of your letter.

I think you are aware that some time ago, in response to expressions of concern from various quarters, this Agency agreed that it would provide assistance to domestic law enforcement organizations only in the most compelling circumstances and then only with the approval of the Director. That policy, of course, continues.

All Agency relationships with foreign police are conducted in furtherance of our statutory foreign intelligence mission under National Security Council direction. In accordance with provisions of law pertaining to this Agency, the specific activities involved must be protected to preserve the intelligence sources and methods used but I can assure you they are clearly distinguishable from programs carried out by AID in foreign countries. The Congressional committees having oversight over this Agency's activities are informed regarding them.

AID had called upon us in the past for some support for their program for training foreign police officers in the U.S. All such support has been terminated.

I trust this is responsive to your interest in this matter but if there is anything further I can do on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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1.	Director	1/25	1/28	The attached letter to Senator Abourezk (D., S. Dak.) is recommended for your signature.
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3.	OLC 7D43			The substance has been cleared with DDO and Director Goin, Office of Public Safety, AID.
4.	<i>OK, but let's be sure the oversight committees are prepared -</i>			As a matter of fact, AID's reply to Abourezk was coordinated with the Agency in September 1973, and the initiative for further contact with the Agency was left with Abourezk.
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8.	<i>We should have taken the initiative -</i>			FYI, Goin has not briefed AID Administrator Parker on our dealings with Office of Public Safety. Also, all offices are against briefing Abourezk on our past support to AID's U.S. (foreign police) training program on the basis that he probably will demand all specific details and may use this information in the future if the opportunity arises to disparage U.S. training of foreign police.
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12.				I intend to hand carry your reply to Abourezk's office.
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14.				George L. Cary Legislative Counsel
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